

DUBLIN/DARLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 15, 2013

Camp Ramblewood

Members Present: Rich Norling, Chair
Jane Howe, Secretary
Tom Friedel
Lilma Huntley
Joni Nugent
Donald Thomas
Alan Thompson
Shirley Thompson

Guests: Lt. Hugh John Dougherty
Mary Hastler
Rick Howe
Harry Leff
Bob Riley
Andrew Tress
Jonathan White

Rich Norling called the meeting to order at 7:08PM.

Review of Minutes: Lilma Huntley motioned to approve the March 2013 minutes; seconded by Donald Thomas. The motion passed.

Camp Ramblewood Owner Dr. Harry Leff: Dr. Leff extended his personal welcome and gave an update of groups that have frequented Camp Ramblewood for the past 24 years since he became the owner. He said people have “the freedom to be yourself” and to “shed what you pretend – and BE”. From high school band camps, a camp for diabetic children, dance groups, festivals such as the most recent Maryland Faerie Festival, and other diverse and alternative groups, the camp provides a unique environment. Tom “Kal” Friedel has been living on the premises for four years but has a 20 year history with the property. Speaking of history, the property has a historic connection to the Underground Railroad. Visit www.ramblewood.com for more information.

Sheriff’s Representative: Lt. Dougherty gave a report on Sector 100. He also presented statistics on the 2011 Uniform Crime Report. Go to www.harfordsheriff.org for ongoing and current information. Sign up for email and Facebook reports and alerts. Reports are attached. Sheriff Jesse Bane will hold a Town Meeting in the North Harford High School cafeteria this Saturday, May 18, starting at 9:00am.

County Council President’s Representative: Andrew Tress (for Billy Boniface) and Jonathan White (for Chad Shrodes) reported on upcoming Council action on the Traffic Safety Task Force, the Stormwater Task Force and the Obesity Task Force. Permanent advisory boards are under consideration. The Council will break for July and August.

Guest Presentation: Mary Hastler, Director of the Harford County Public Library System, gave a rapid fire update on what’s going on with the HCPL. While Harford County is not a “power house” in Annapolis compared to other County library systems, we have our own “WOW” numbers. 1.95 million people walked through the doors and another 10.7 million were virtual visitors to the website. She noted that Chad Shrodes’ wife, Amber, is the Foundation Director. Interviewing starts tomorrow for the new Branch Manager of the Darlington library. She noted that the Darlington modular building came from Norrisville 10 years ago and is getting near the end of its usable life span. A feasibility study is authorized and will get underway in June. Go to www.hcplonline.org to get more information about upcoming, Civil War, and ongoing programs such as Hoopla, Zinio, Entrepreneur’s Edge, Learn4Life and Little Leapers.

New Business: Rich Norling informed the Council that he apologized to County Executive, David Craig, for the low turnout at the April Town Meeting.

Old Business: The DDCC has openings for new members. Lilma Huntley asked about her renewal date. She believes it is in October of 2013. Suggestions for a June guest speaker are Sharon Lipford, Community Services, or Tim Whittie for an update on Solid Waste

Good of the Council:

~ The deadline for the June 21034 Community E-News is here. Send info to 21034bulletin@gmail.com.

~ Bare root trees, left from the Darlington Library book sale, were available for purchase at \$2 suggested donation.

Adjournment: Shirley Thompson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jane Howe. The meeting adjourned at 8:22PM and was followed by a short tour of one of the cabins on the Camp Ramblewood property.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2013, 7:00PM at Conowingo Visitor Center. NO MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Howe